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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Patricia Sarcabal Christian Croux Philippe Soucaille

Serial No.: 10/043,639

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For: METHOD FOR PREPARING 1,3-

PROPANEDIOL BY A RECOMBINANT MICRO-ORGANISM IN THE ABSENCE OF COENZYME B12 OR ONE OF ITS

PRECURSORS

Group Art Unit: 1652

Examiner: Fronda, Christian L.

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I. AMENDMENT; II. RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED JUNE 23, 2004; AND III. REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 23313-1450

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated June 23, 2004,

(the "Requirement"), for which the date for response was July 23, 2004.

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A request for a one-month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with the required fee. This one-month extension will bring the due date to August 23, 2004, which is within the six-month statutory period.

Amendments to the claims appear in the listing of the claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

The response to the Restriction Requirement begins on page 8 of this paper.

A Petition for Extension of Time begins on page 10 of this paper.

Further consideration of this case in view of the remarks contained herein is respectfully requested.